



Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

COUNTER-TERRORISM

Wednesday
June 15, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department • 1800 East Wardlow Road



U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Our Special guest this month is an F.B.I. Terrorism Analyst!

She provides an outstanding and energetic presentation on terrorist tactics and the *7-Signs of Terrorism* that we all must be looking for to ensure our own safety and security.

We must face facts! We must be prepared!

There are many individuals in our country and throughout the world who are planning additional attacks on our communities.

It is a must attend event for you and your neighbors!
Bring your family and friends!

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UPCOMING EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Saturday, June 11, 2005, 10:00 a.m.
Jonathon Jacques Children's Cancer Center "Champions Run For Life"
Rainbow Harbor, next to the Aquarium of the Pacific
For further information, contact Detective Diana Anderson: (562) 570-7658
- ◆ Saturday, June 25, 2005, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
North Patrol Division Grand Opening Celebration
Long Beach Police Department North Division Sub-Station
4891 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach
For further information, contact PSA Christa King: (562) 570-7274
- ◆ Thursday, June 30, 2005, 6:30 p.m.
Senior Scam Educational Forum– Will Your Parent Be Their Next Victim?
Stearns Park Community Room, 4520 E. 23rd Street, Long Beach
For further information, contact our Crime Prevention Unit at 570-7215



When people, especially our senior residents, find themselves in a medical emergency, thinking straight is often difficult. The "Vial of Life" program was developed to help seniors provide critical medical information to emergency medical responders. When 911 is called to assist you, but you are in no condition to talk when help arrives, the below *Vial of Life* alert stickers will direct paramedics to your personal *Vial of Life* which contains information on what medication you are taking and what medical conditions you may have. Your *Vial of Life* can also contain insurance information, emergency contact numbers and any other important information that may aid in your recovery.



The Long Beach Police Department, in conjunction with our Senior Police Partners (SPP's) and Chief's Senior Advisory Group members support the "Vial of Life" program for our elderly Long Beach residents. The program is run by the Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross at 3150 E. 29th Street. You can obtain *Vials of Life* for yourself, your friends and family by leaving a voice mail message for our Senior Police Partners at (562) 570-7212. They'll drop it off at your home in Long Beach. Or you can contact the American Red Cross at (562) 490-4005.

PHONE NUMBER SAFETY

YOU CAN OPT OUT OF DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AND NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION

There are many websites that sell, or provide for free, personal information about individuals. This information is gathered from many sources including white pages listings (directory assistance), publicly-available sources and public records.

Directory Listings: To prevent the cross-referencing of your address with your phone number, you can choose to not have your information available in the phone book or through directory assistance. If your number is "unlisted," your name, address and phone number will not be printed in the phone book,



but the information is available through both directory assistance and reverse directory assistance. If your number is "unpublished," your information will not be printed in the phone book and will not be available through directory assistance or reverse directory assistance. Or you can list your name and phone number, but not your address. Telephone companies usually charge a monthly fee for unlisted or unpublished numbers.

Public Records: Please note that public records are often that — public. Websites that provide personal information gathered from various sources are not required to offer a way to have that information removed or suppressed, though many will as a courtesy. The www.privacyrights.org website provides many of the more common online providers of public and non-public information that do offer an opt out mechanism.

If you are concerned about the availability of public records or are unable to opt out, feel free to notify the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse by using their inquiry form at www.privacyrights.org.

ACCESS DATABASE



ZABASEARCH.COM

There are many websites that post your personal information for everyone with Internet access to view. Often, such sites get their data from public records and other sources.

ZABASearch is a FREE people search engine, much the same as Lexus Nexus and other search engines. When someone types in your name, they can obtain your full name, address, date of birth and phone number. They can also obtain a Mapquest search which will pinpoint your home on a map!! The searcher can also be linked to other sites which may contain your personal information. For a fee, anyone can even purchase a background check on you.

We recommend you visit the ZABASearch website at

www.zabasearch.com

To see if your name and personal information is listed on their site.

If your information is listed, go back to the home page and click on "Terms" in the lower right corner. Then scroll to the bottom of the next screen and click on "ZabaTools." Then type in your e-mail address and click on the tab "Submit request to

manage my information." ZabaSearch will immediately send you an e-mail detailing the steps you must take to remove or edit the information that is provided on their site.

Unfortunately, you will have to mail (not e-mail) the company with specific information to have your information removed.

You may also want to address your concerns to the Federal Trade Commission about these websites that post your personal information without your permission.

AIR SOFT GUNS ARE ILLEGAL



We have seen an increase of juveniles in possession of Spring Guns and Air Guns. These items are being wrongly dismissed as toys, when in fact it is illegal for persons under the age of 18 to have them in their possession. These types of guns are also being used in many crimes throughout the city, such as robberies and assaults.

The manufacturers of these guns are producing them with great likeness to the real thing, even though some may have orange tips. Some of these tips are too small to notice or are all together removable. They are making them in realistic colors, with realistic weight and even with magazines that eject. Some go so far as to stamp them with caliber sizes, serial numbers, and a gun manufacturer's name such as *Glock*, *Sig Sauer*, and *Walther*.

It is illegal in the City of Long Beach for any person under the age of 18 to possess these types of guns (LBMC 9.52.020).

It is also illegal in the City of Long Beach to sell or give any ammunition such as BB's or pellets to any person under the age of 18 (LBMC 9.52.010).

It is also a felony in the State of California to possess such types of guns, capable of firing a metallic projectile such as BB's or pellets while on any school campus (626.10a PC).

To see just how realistic and easily accessible these types of guns are you can view several pictures at the below listed websites:

www.shortyusa.com

www.airsoftplat.com

www.airsoftguns.net

If you have any questions regarding laws as they pertain to juveniles in the City of Long Beach, please contact the Youth Services Division at (562) 570-1425.



THERE'S NOTHING COOL ABOUT FIREWORKS

The Danger

A pretty sparkler burns at a whopping 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. It's not a safe toy to put in either a child's or adult's hand. No firework is. Fireworks are unpredictable. They spit hot sulfur and can unexpectedly explode. They can burn limbs and ruin lives, and there's nothing cool about that.

The Bottom Line

All fireworks, including *Safe and Sane*, are against the law in Long Beach. They have been for more than 40 years.

The Consequences

Light any fireworks in Long Beach and you may spend six months in jail, pay a \$1,000 fine, or both.



The Alternative

This July, over 50 dazzling fireworks displays (controlled by the hands of professionals who specialize in pyrotechnics) will be held through Los Angeles County. The City of Long Beach encourages everyone to view fireworks in this safe manner. Please check local newspapers for location and times.

Neighborhood Watch Appreciation BBQ

Wednesday, July 20th



Calling All Block Captains!

The Annual Neighborhood Watch Appreciation BBQ has been moved back to July 20th to make room for this month's presentation on "Counter Terrorism." We're sure that the change will be well worth any inconvenience as our speaker, an F.B.I. Counter-Terrorism Analyst, is exceptional!

The Neighborhood Watch Appreciation BBQ will be returning to the POA Park next to our Academy's shooting range, behind Lowe's Home Improvement at the Town Center. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. with the BBQ being served around 6:30 p.m. We're still working on our speaker, but it should be a good one!

We will also be presenting three Chief's Citations this evening for Neighborhood Watch Block Captains and Neighborhood Watch Groups who have excelled in their attempts to promote neighborhood safety and the Neighborhood Watch Program.

But that's not all! We'll also be presenting certificates to those Neighborhood Watch Groups that hosted 5 or more reported meetings in the year 2005. It's just the Police Department's way to say "Thank You" to those groups that are making the extra effort to educate their neighbors.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month's success story highlights the 15-year anniversary for the Neighborhood Watch Group on the 1500 Block of Lincoln Street, led by Block Captain Henry Brunner.

Henry Brunner has been involved with Neighborhood Watch as a Block Captain since 1990, with the month of May marking his neighborhood's fifteen-year anniversary!

Henry involves all the neighbors on his block by holding quarterly meetings. They're well-attended and are usually pot-luck dinners. One neighbor turns his garage into a meeting room and dining hall for the occasion and all neighbors pitch in and bring delicious homemade dinners, desserts and refreshments. These quarterly meetings keep all his neighbors informed, in communication with the Police Department and with each other. Henry also regularly attends our monthly Community Crime Prevention Meetings and maintains a supply of updated *Who-to-Call* lists and current crime prevention materials for distribution to his neighbors.

On a side note, Henry was selected as a recipient for this year's Gold Shield Award for his neighborhood vigilance and active participation in Neighborhood Watch. He keeps a vigilant watch over the group's neighborhood park, daily picking up trash and reporting all suspicious activity. He even assists the Park Rangers by opening the park gates in the morning and locking them at night. In addition to Neighborhood Watch, Henry is a volunteer with the Salvation Army's Christmas Food Distribution Program and the Salvation Army's Canteen Program. He is also on the Mayor's Senior Citizen's Advisory Commission.

Thank you Henry Brunner and the 1500 Block of Lincoln Street Neighborhood Watch Group for your energy and determination to make your neighborhood and community a safer place!

Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by e-mailing it to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov.



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